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1. The Soviet kommandatura and a military unit assigned to guard duty along the demarcation line were stationed in OBERWART (O 4/C 58). The unit was quartered in the former Jaeger Kaserne, about 800 feet southeast of the railroad station building.*

2. The personnel of the unit wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and signal insignia. About one hundred troops, including an unusual number of officers, were observed in the kaserne area. A lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed to be the ranking officer.

3. No military equipment was observed. Troops were armed with rifles and submachine guns. The jeep driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the kaserne.

4. The jeep driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered red epaulets, was parked in front of the kommandatura. A lieutenant colonel was the ranking officer observed at the kommandatura.

25X1 * Comment: Since the area of the Jaeger Kaserne was unusually strictly guarded, prisoners are believed to also be kept in this kaserne.

25X1 Comment: The unit assigned to guard duty along the demarcation line in the OBERWART area was possibly detached by the 17th Gds Mecz Div. The exchange of personnel between OBERWART and western Hungary has been repeatedly observed since the winter of 1948/1949.

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